

U S B Mint New Orleans May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1838.

Sir,

Your letters of the 9<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> inst have been received and are now before me. The half-Dollar, Dime and half-dime dies have arrived safe and in good order. The Box and Bale by the Tappanvooly were also received last week and the contents of each found in good order. The balances will be adjusted in a few days by Mr. Tyler. Your instructions for the test of the Assays at this Branch shall be strictly complied with. It was particularly satisfactory to Mr. Maxwell as well as to Mr. Tyn and myself to find you had made such an arrangement. The Treasurer will reserve the pieces agreeably to your instructions.

I am exceedingly sorry to have to report to you that since my report of the 5<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> nothing has been done in completing the enclosure of this Branch or at putting up the ballusters on the piazzas in the new wing or at making the gates for the interior passages of the building.

The blacksmith who put up the ballusters in the wing that was built first, Mr. Dana, done it by special contract with Mr. Gordon, and is sub-Contractor for putting up the iron fence round the lot. He says Mr. Gordon has not paid him for what he has done; and the understanding now is that nothing more will be done at the fence or the piazzas till payment is made for the extra work already done. Mr. Gordon told me more than a month ago that there was a sum of sixty thousand dollars at least of the appropriation for this building unexpended and that he would write on to you to know the state of the funds and pay Mr. Dana for the work

already done, but it seems Mr. Dana is not yet paid and I am assured by him that he will not put up the iron ballusters that are now ready made at his shop till he is paid for those he has put up more than six months ago.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> ulto. I wrote to the hon. the Secy of the Treasury of the U.S. requesting him to issue a warrant in your favor for \$3,000, to pay for the articles I had requested you in my letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> March to procure for the Master & Officers of this Branch and also for the large lathe, the balance on which Mr. Tyler was of opinion would amount to \$1,000. and also requested to be informed of the amount of the unexpended balances in the appropriations for this Branch: having been to my great surprise informed by a letter from the Secy of the 14<sup>th</sup> of March that the balance remaining of the appropriation for Compensation to Labourers is only \$244.78.

I have the pleasure of enclosing the Report of the Treasurer of this Branch showing the Amount of bullion deposited in this institution during the last Month viz: Gold \$5,694.16, Silver \$83,141.44.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully  
Your Humble Servant  
David Bradford  
Superintendent